Photo Report Commercial Diversion Programs, City of Ridgecrest 2/18/09

All photos in this report were collected at random during an unannounced visit on 2/18/09.



1-2: The City does not have a commercial collection program for recyclables. This results in recyclables ending up in the waste stream.



3-4: Staff observed many instances of wood, metal, yard debris, and recyclables, placed directly in the waste collection system. All materials are transported directly to the landfill.



5-6: During the unannounced visit, staff observed two businesses that filled their three (3) yard waste collection bins with clean flattened cardboard. All of this material was scheduled to be taken to the landfill for disposal.







7: Typical residential automated waste collection bin containing high-valued recyclables.

8: Self-haul greenwaste, destined for the landfill. It is Board staff's understanding that the landfill is currently only operating a wood waste program. Once the wood waste is ground it is transported to a biomass facility.



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Ridgecrest-Inyo Landfill Activity

Staff visited the Ridgecrest-Inyo Landfill to look at the overall make up of the waste stream. Staff observed both self-haul loads from City of Ridgecrest residents, and waste disposed by the waste hauler servicing the City of Ridgecrest.



9-10: Greenwaste and cardboard on the working face of the landfill. Both are typical self-haul loads from the City of Ridgecrest. The greenwaste program at the landfill was discontinued.



Residential Waste Hauler collected waste delivered to the landfill



